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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – UPDATE #1

CLOSURES EXTENDED FOR NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND I-5 NEAR GRAPEVINE PASS

GRAPEVINE PASS (North of Santa Clarita near Gorman) — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that a continuous evaluation and remediation of a hazardous materials spill on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) this morning continues by Los Angeles County Health Hazmat. The estimated re-opening of southbound I-5 has been updated to 5 p.m. today; and the estimated re-opening of northbound I-5 has been updated to 7 p.m. today.

The spill was caused by a double big-rig accident carrying hazardous materials, which closed all northbound and all southbound lanes of the Golden State Freeway. All lanes of southbound I-5 are closed at the Grapevine Road exit. All lanes of northbound I-5 are closed at Parker Road in Castaic.

Northbound motorists are being detoured off of the freeway at Parker Road and back onto southbound I-5. Southbound motorists are being detoured off of the freeway at the Grapevine Road exit and back onto northbound I-5.

SUGGESTED DETOURS:

Traveling to northern California:

Northbound I-5 to westbound 126 to northbound 101.

Northbound 14 to westbound 58 to northbound 99

Traveling to southern California:

Eastbound Route 58 to southbound Route 14 to southbound I-5 Southbound 101 to eastbound Route 126 to southbound I-5

Westbound Route 46 to southbound Route 101

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